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The darkest hour in any man's career is that wherein he fancies there is an easier way of gaining a dollar than by squarely earning it.

Convicted Murderer Must Pay Penalty For Crime

A Westmoreland county murderer will pay the penalty of death. Chas Douglass, a negro, was sentenced yesterday to die in the electric chair. Judge W. H. Ruppel of Somerset county, before whom the case was tried, pronounced sentence on the convicted man. It is not likely that attorneys for the defense will appeal.

Murdered Aged Man

Douglass, it will be remembered, was accused of taking the life of Joseph Smith, an old man who lived in a little hut a mile and a half from Monessen on the river road. The killing occurred in Smith's home on the evening of May 26, 1914. Robbery was thought to be the motive of the criminal, although this was never ascertained.

Smith and his wife were in their little hut on the evening when Douglass entered. A quarrel ensued Douglass pulled a gun to shoot and just as he discharged the weapon, Mrs Smith struck him in the back with an ax, inflicting a deep wound. The negro fled, throwing off his coat

Convicted Last August

Months afterward Douglass was arrested in West Virginia by Sergeant McLaughlin of Troop A, State Police A scar on his back located at exactly the same spot as the cut in the coat found after the murder, led to his conviction. This occurred at the August term of criminal court this year.

Denied Guilt

The prisoner entered the court room at 10.45 yesterday morning with a slight smile on his face Court convened. When asked what he wanted to say in his own behalf, the convicted man sobbed and replied "I am not guilty, but I have no way of proving that I am not the man." Attorneys Beacom and Bell, who represented him, had nothing to say. Douglas then stood, cowering, while he heard his doom pronounced.

The Death Sentence

Judge Ruppel briefly expressed his opinion of the case. "I am opposed to capital punishment," he said, "but the law must be enforced. The prisoner had a fair trial and was proven guilty by overwhelming evidence"

He followed with the formal sentence of death, ending with these words "May God in His infinite Goodness have Mercy on your soul."

With the unexpected end made sure Douglass assumed a vacant stare which he maintained till led back to the jail

—"The Yellow Peril," one of "Neal of the Navy" famous episodes in two reels Billie Ritchie, famous comedian from the L KO company in "Sin of the Sabbath" in two reels. "The Awakening of Patsy" and "Frolic of the Marionettes" today at the Olympic. 1t

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Come in and join and get your share of the Fund next Christmas.
Monessen Savings & Trust Company

Birthday Surprise Pleasant Affair

A birthday surprise party was tendered John P. Reagan of the Monessen Plumbing company at his new home on McKee avenue Monday night. It was tendered by employes of the Monessen and Charleroi stores numbering about twenty five persons. Mrs Reagan assisted in preserving the secret as well as in carrying out the program which included an excellent lunch Music and a literary and oratorical program furnished the diversion of the evening.

Chauncey S. Duvall acted as toastmaster and introduced a number of speakers who made eloquent addresses, eulogizing Mr. Regan and extolling his many virtues as a man and employer. Mr Duvall carried out his part of the program without the slightest indication of nervousness. We have not sufficient information to give the exact age of the host, as there were no candles on the cake and the toastmaster made no announcement. On behalf of the employes, Mr. Reagan was presented with a handsome Victrola. The affair was a success socially and will long be remembered by all present

Won Billiard Game

The Smokehouse billiard team defeated the strong Olympic team at the Smokehouse parlor last evening in an exciting game, the final score being 100 for the Smokehouse team and 89 for the Olympics Capt Lebowitz was high man for the Olympics with 43 and his team mates Eller and Graeser made 28 and 18 respectively Maxwell led for the Smokehouse boys with 45,Manown made 41 and Gleason 14 Manown and Maxwell had high runs of 14 each. A second game will be played after the first of the year on the Olympic tables.

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New Duck Pin Record

All former bowling records were shattered at the Colonial Palace alleys last evening when the Colonials and Keystone teams met in the first game of the City League series. The Colonials won two out of the three games, but had to extend themselves to record breaking scores to accomplish the feat. In the second game the Colonials hung up a new mark with a total of 726 pins to their credit. Victor Lauze made the remarkable score of 182 in this game and finished the three games with 434 pins to his credit For the Keystone boys Kunkle was high with 385 pins for three games and also had high score of 141 for a single game. Following are the score of the match

Colonials

W Allen . 120	143	101—	364
D Leighager . 113	110	114—	337
A. Cavilla 148	142	102—	392
H Jarouse ... 103	149	118—	370
V. Lauze . . .145	182	197—	434
Totals 629	726	542—	1897

Keystone

H Lewis 124	107	116—	347
Kunkle 121	141	133—	395
Cipriani 119	120	125—	364
Moore 112	117	118—	347
Russell 118	125	120—	363
Totals ... 594	610	613—	1817

Open This Evening

Workmen were still busily engaged this morning putting the finishing touches to the Luna theatre and everything will be in readiness for the opening show at six o'clock this evening A few minor details will probably be attended to after the opening today, but the machines have been put in place and the first picture will be flashed on the screen exactly on time Great interest is being manifested by the public in the opening on account of the announcement that the first episode of "The Goddess" will be shown this evening and on each succeeding Monday evening.

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Alumni Banquet To Be Held Tuesday

All arrangements for the annual banquet of the Monessen High school Alumni have been completed and the affair will be held in the gymnasium of the new High school building Tuesday evening of next week.

The committee in charge of the affair have issued invitations with reply cards and up the present over fifty acceptances have been received The banquet will be served by the Ladies Aid of the First Presbyterian church, and they promise to furnish a meal that will tickle the palate of each and every guest.

Unlike former affairs of this kind, the time honored impromptu speeches have been dispensed with and in their stead a musical and literary program has been arranged The High school orchestra will furnish music for the occasion and a number of solo and instrumental selections will be rendered by the guests.

Was Married

The many friends of Edward Shepherd, the popular young manager of the bowling alleys at the Olympic billiard and bowling parlors, are extending him congratulations on his marriage. Mr. Shepherd surprised his most intimate friends one day last week by arriving in town with his blushing young bride, a former Braddock girl and the couple are now housekeeping at Second and Knox The marriage was kept a secret according to Mr. Shepherd for several months but congratulations are still in order and the boys are planning a little surprise for the genial manager

To Be Remembered

That Albert Chevalier, England's distinguished character actor and Florence Turner, second only to that of Mr Chevalier's reputation in "My Old Dutch" in five reels Thursday, tomorrow at the Olympic. We guarantee that this picture will astonish, impress and please our patrons in a way that they will remember it for many days to come, as they will remember "Les Miserables" and "The Raven" 1t

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What are you doing on the big special vote offer which is in force this week? How does your work on this offer compare with that of the last one? Could you in any way do my better than you are doing? These are the questions which every contestant should ask themselves, and be very careful to answer truly and conscientiously. They will show you just how you stand and just what you must do for the rest of the contest if you expect to win Don't worry about what the others are doing They cannot win for you and neither can they make you lose It is all up to you and your fate rests entirely in your own hands.

Now the actual working time of the contest is about half over. After this week there will be only two more weeks left The time is fast going and with it an opportunity which you will probably never have again. You have worked upto this time to win. Now do not spoil your chances and lost all of that time which you have spent on this contest by slacking up for a minute in your campaign

Make an extra effort to get in all of your subscriptions this week Put some votes in the paper so that you will be in the lead for a day or two and so that will give your friends some encouragement to help you. Make a last appeal to them on the strength of this leap and if they have not actually been getting subscriptions for you up to this time, give them a book and let them start.

The winning of the special vote offer this week carries with it a value which is not very often recognized by many of the contestants. That is the fact that the winners will be strongly brought out at the end of this offer and that the people are watching for those who are doing the real work of the contest. The interest of the general public is greater than is known and a number are waiting to help those whom they are sure are working and whom they think have a chance to win.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

James Mazzei	426,500
George Wahlstrom	420,000
Wallace Hood	413,500
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Harnah Hawkinson	416,500
James Kaldy	414,000
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TODAY-- Vitagraph special feature entitled "The Kidnapped Stock Broker," featuring Dorothy Kelly. The Mysterious disappearance of a well known stock broker is cleared up through the daring of a clever girl and the efforts of a cub reporter. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in a "Case of Eugenics." Mr. Newlywed dislikes babies, but Mrs. Newlywed adopts a boy, a eugenic baby and Mr. Newlywed developes a most surprising scheme to eliminate the baby. It works. "Broncho Billy's Mexican wife," featuring G. M. Anderson. Vitagraph drama "The Third Party."

Christmas treat for boys and girls 500 bags of candy will be given away Christmas day from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. Entire change of program after 4 p. m. Christmas day.

Coming—Dec. 27, the latest Essanay Chaplin "A Night in the Show." Always 5 cents.

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Dangers That Confront Us

Two dangers confront the business interests of the country; both are immediate and pressing dangers, although the interests have heretofore either wholly disregarded one of them, or looked upon it as very remote, one to be considered some time in the distant future. The first is repressive and oppressive legislation on the part of the national and state legislatures, and the second is the rapid growth of socialism in the country.

As to the first, it is true that President Wilson has tentatively declared that no further radical legislation is contemplated, yet all indications point the other way. The renewed aggressiveness on the part of the Inter-state Commerce Commission, and the hints and suggestions that have been thrown out by the Federal Trade Commission, the activity of labor organizations and the demands they are preparing to make on Congress are all warnings to the business of the country that a hard battle is before it.

The concensus of opinion in Washington is that the President will be able to force the adoption of his ship-buying scheme. Of this bill Senator Smoot, of Utah, once said its title should be "A Bill to Throttle Private Enterprise, and to Provide that the People of the United States be Taxed to Pay the Ocean Freights for Foreign Producers." The bill is in the line of governmental interference with the business of the country, and will be only the opening wedge. If the Government can go into the freight carrying business, why not into manufacturing, as the socialists demand? Unless business becomes active, the Sixty-fourth Congress will outdo the Sixty-third in oppressive legislation.

The Living Wage

The minimum wage which will support a family in New York is $840 a year according to a report made by the street cleaning bureau of that city. Cost of living today is fairly uniform and the figures will apply to most cities of the country. Survey continues in the wake of investigation, up and down this fair land. Both have proved what thousands know from actual experience that it is not at all difficult to discover a "living wage." What we all want to know is the real answer to the real probem of economics, the probem of yesterday, today and tomorrow—how to find a way by which all workers can get something a little better than the "living wage."

The Greensburg Tribune is having an awful time to get a man who will fill its ambitions for the office of state senator and it seems to have sort of centered its affections on James B Weaver of Latrobe. But is there not a possibility that Chester D. Sensenick the present incumbent may aspire to a second term which is a common courtesy accorded to capable officials. The field should be looked over impartially before the slate is made up.

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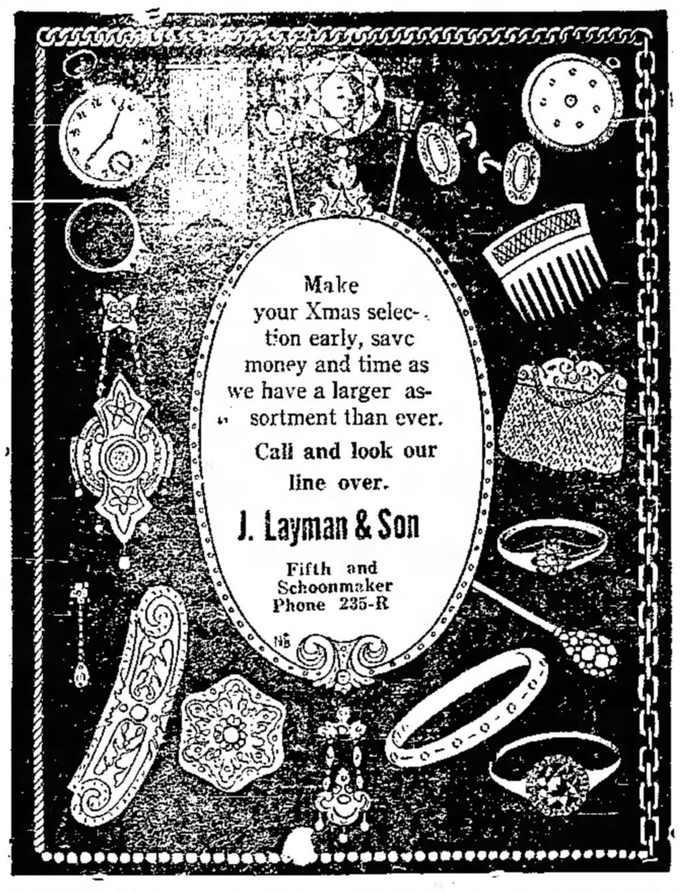
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ODD BITS OF NEWS

Springfield, Ill.—Mrs. Isabella Arnold who weighed 400 pounds, died recently. It was necessary to hold the funeral on the porch as the coffin was too large to pass through the doorway. Ten pallbearers were required.

Morgantown, W. Va. — Twenty years ago Lewis M. Runner left home for Washington to patent a device. He had never been heard from since until recently, when he returned home. His wife who had always said he would come back, welcomed him with open arms.

Cottage Grove, Ore.—Bert Nokes set a hen and then decided to move to Spokane, 500 miles distant. He shipped Biddy, her nest and all, by express, and twelve of the fourteen eggs hatched.

Rulo, Neb.—Years ago Arthur Lytle, a fisherman, located his hut on a small sand bar lying near the Missouri shore. Dirt washed onto the bar, and now it is the size of two sections. Lytle turned farmer and has made a small fortune. Neither Missouri nor Nebraska demand taxes of him, but he cannot vote as his holdings are regarded as under the jurisdiction of the national government. He has resided on the land 22 years.

Wichita, Kas.— Whenever Mrs. Louis E. Fisher tries to telephone, her right arm and side become numb and she becomes unconscious. Her affliction is a case of nerves. Several years ago she received a shock while telephoning.

Biddeford, Me.—James Sargeant has the original human calf. It has human skin, covered with human hair. A luxuriant beard hangs from its chin. When it attempts to bellow, it emits sounds resembling a child crying. Otherwise it is a normal calf.

New Manchester, Ind.—For 90 days a hog belonging to C. O. Hudgelson lived off the fat of its own body. The hog got into a huge stack of straw and couldn't get out. It weighed 250 pounds, but when found had shrunk to less than 100 and was still alive.

Creditors Will Soon Get Some Money

It is planned to begin the liquidation of the J. V. Thompson indebtedness before the first of the year. As soon as the creditors' committee is organized, money will be supplied by New York financiers for the payment of back taxes on the Thompson holdings and the interest on the secured claims.

The committee's plans for the liquidation provide for the continuation of the creditors' committee, either in the case of resignation or death of members and similar provisions are included in the plans for the protection of the heirs and survivors of the Thompson creditors.

Although some of the Thompson creditors are desperate to collect their claims, they do not approve of the financial interests insisting that the creditors be deprived of voice in selecting the creditors' committee.

Some Creditors Hesitant

These creditors also disapprove of the plan which requires them to give title of their claims to the committee as they say,it gives too much power to the committee and prevents action for the welfare of the creditors.

But most of the creditors say they will agree to any requirements of these financial interests provided they can be assured they will be paid part of their claims against Thompson.

It is estimated that the unsecured claims against Thompson aggregate $14,000,000 and the secured claims, $20,000,000.

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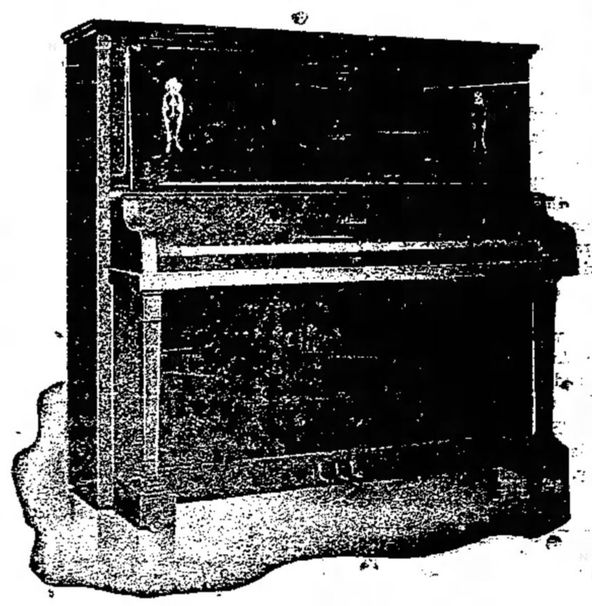

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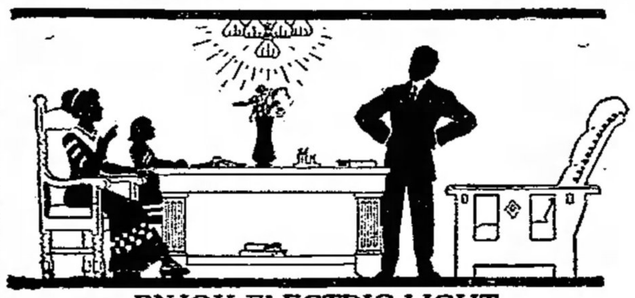

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FOR RENT

6 room house, No. 72 Donner avenue $15.00

Three room flat with bath, 348 Donner avenue.

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FOR SALE—Household furniture and canned fruit. Apply No. 10 Schoonmaker avenue. 61-3tp

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SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Webster, Pa., for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the performance of any other business which may properly come before them, will be held in the banking rooms of the association, on Tuesday, January eleventh, 1916, between the hours of two p. m. and three p. m.

Yours very truly,
55-26t E. B. Hunter, Cashier.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by S. Sbrocco, James Cuddy, Peter Americo, Emil D'Altorio, Lorenzo Imburgio and others to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on Thursday, the 6th day of January, 1916 at 10 o'clock a. m., by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter for an intended corporation to be called the Sbrocco, Cuddy and Company Incorporated, the character and object of which is engaging in the purchase and sale of shoes, clothing and men's furnishing goods, and for such purposes to have and possess all the rights and benefits conferred by said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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The next special is "Sin on the Sabbath," with Billie Ritchie, famous comedian; Louise Orth and other L—Ko stars. Starts off with a roar and ends with the niftiest piece of stage craft you ever saw. I know our patrons will howl themselves black in the face with laughter.

"The Awakening of Patsy." Victor's, and Frolic. of Marionettes," Power's. (

THURSDAY SPECIAL

Wonderful day, almost as good as Tuesday. Albert Chevalier, England's most distinguished character

"My Old Dutch"

actor and Florence Turner, second only to that of Mr. Chevalier's reputation in "My Old Dutch," based on his most famous Coster characterization. In "My Old Dutch," the genius of Albert Chevalier, England's most talented character appears in its supreme acheivement. Literally millions of Americans have laughed and cried at Chevalier's inimitable Coster characterizations. Everyone has heard, sung and loved his famous song, "My Old Dutch," on which this great film presentation is based. Florence Turner's ruputation is second only to that of Mr. Chevalier, and the sets, direction and cast of this sterling play is far beyond the usual standard of features. It is clean, it is sweet, it is wholesome, It touches the tenderest spot in the human heart. It goes right down to the bottom and brings up nothing but good. Albert Chevalier being one of the greatest actors the stage has ever produced and Miss Turner is one of the most versatile and charming actresses the screen has developed. They bring out the beauty of the famous old poem, "My Old Dutch" on which the play is founded. They act. They don't dissemble, pose, look pretty and strike attitudes. The story is of a mother and father's self-sacrifice for an only son, who proved worthy of their love and devotion.

The next great picture in the same day is "The Sacrifice of Jonathan Grey," a 3 reel drama featuring Murdock MacQuarrie, almost as good as Albert Chevalier, and Edna Payne, excellent actress, and "The Frolics of Marionettes," comedy.

FRIDAY SPECIAL

"Her Great Match" featuring one of the most beautiful dramatic actresses on the stage, Gail Kane. A five act photoplay brimming over with touching sentiment and gripping situations. One of Metro Picture Co. productions, guaranteed as one of the best Metro productions.

Second, "Keeping in Dark," one of Nestor's comedies, and "The Little Lady Across the Way," 2 reel comedy drama with Matt Moore and Jane Gail

SATURDAY SPECIAL

"The Lion's Ward" in three reels, one of the usual famous Bison features, one of the Joker comedies, featuring Gail Henry and Max Asher Charles Chaplin's extra fine comedies In the place of Ella Hall and Bob Leonard we will have Francis X Bushman in two reels Saturday.

Special music for all these wonderful pictures also. Olympic theatre, Monessen, Pa.

Scene from "My Old Dutch" at the Olympic theatre tomorrow.

LOST—Brindle bull dog. Finder will receive reward if animal is left at Rozner's meat market, Schoonmaker avenue. 63-3t

SPECIAL THIS WEEK, BON BONS AND CHOCOLATES AT 15c A POUND AT THE PHILADELPHIA CANDY KITCHEN. 61-tf

Local Notes

—Holly and holly wreaths at Crall's. 62-2t

—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler of Pricedale are Pittsburgh visitors today.

—Leonard Dorr, a retired hotel man of Monessen, was a Pittsburgh visitor yesterday.

—County Poor Director Robert Wolfe of Greensburg was a local visitor yesterday.

—See our display of baskets, wreaths and Christmas greens.—Crall's. 61-2t

—Frank Bumer of the pioneer real estate agency, was a Greensburg busines visitor yesterday.

—Mrs. C. M Ballou and son Thomas left today to spend the holidays with her mother at Braddock

—General Supt. C. J Mogan of the Pittsburgh Steel, was a business visitor in Pittsburgh yesterday.

—Arden Culvert of Charleroi, a student at Mercersburg Academy, visited friends in this city last evening

—A kodak makes an appropriate gift. Get it at Kirk's. 59-tf

—Mrs. Frank Fleming and two children left this morning to spend the holidays with the home folks at Mifflinsburg.

—The annual Christmas treat to members of the Monessen Turn Verein will be given at the Turner hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28.

—Tomorrow will be the last day of school until after the Christmas holidays School will convene the Monday following New Years.

FINAL WEEK OF BARGAINS AT THE BROWN JEWELRY STORE. 61-tf

—Miss Jennie Kruell has returned from the Homeopathic hospital, Pittsburgh, after undergoing a successful operation for appendicitis.

—Hugh McLaughlin, Jr., the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs Hugh McLaughlin died this morning at the Knox avenue home of the parents.

—Christmas Day and New Years day the morning train leaving here at 6.27 for Pittsburgh and the train due here at 11 15 from Pittsburgh will be annulled.

—Everything in Christmas decorations at Crall's. 62-2t

—The First Presbyterian church will give a musicale entertainment and treat at the church tomorrow evening. Members of the Sunday school and church are invited

—Everyone is getting ready to attend the six o'clock services Christmas morning in St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Eighth street. Set the alarm. Special music.

—E. M. Frye of the real estate department of the Monessen Savings and Trust company, was transacting business before the United States court Monday of this week.

—BUY AT THE HALLMARK STORE AND SAVE MONEY ON XMAS GIFTS.—BROWN'S. 61-tf

—Owing to the heavy Christmas mail and expressage the P. & L. E. trains due here at 11:15 and 11:17 were fifteen minutes late in arriving at the local station this morning.

—Washington county is preparing for the annual liquor fight. It will appear in license court between the wets and drys. Remonstrances are being filed in the hope of reducing the number of licenses

—ARRIVED—Big line of imported Christmas tree ornaments. The largest selection in the valley. Monessen 5, 10c and 25c store. 56-tf

—R A Goodwin and Robert Jones of this city have been selected among a venire of 100 persons in the county to serve for the February term of court. L. Alspach was drawn as a grand juror to serve at the same time

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—Invitations have been issued by the members of the Alpha Phi Beta fraternity for their annual holiday dance to be held in the Night auditorium, Charleroi, Wednesday evening, December 29. The affair will be informal The Alphi Phi Beta dances are annually looked forward to with much interest in this community.

—"The Yellow Peril," one of "Neal of the Navy" famous episodes in two reels. Billie Ritchie, famous comedian from the L KO company in "Sin of the Sabbath" in two reels. "The Awakening of Patsy" and "Frolic of the Marionettes" today at the Olympic. 1t

This evening at the Lyceum hall, the local basket ball team will meet the strong Fayette City boys. The visitors are in second place in the league race and their victory will tie them for the first place with Charleroi The locals, however, expect to win and a victory will push them in third place

Blanche Sweet in "Stolen Goods" at the Star theatre today.

CHOCOLATES AND BON BONS SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK 25c a POUND BOX AT THE PHILADELPHIA CANDY KITCHEN. 61-tf

—Does he smoke? Get the cigars at Kirk's. 59-tf

—A petition was filed Monday for the amendment of the Monessen-Charleroi General hospital association. It Iroi General hospital charter. It there can be opened in connection with the hospital a nurse training school. The matter will come up for final disposition by the court on January 17, 1916 at 10 o'clock.

The Male chorus held their annual banquet at the home of R. C. Stephens on McKee avenue Monday evening. About thirty guests were present and enjoyed a pleasant evening. Vocal and solo numbers featured the evening's entertainment. Lunch was served by Mrs. Stephens assisted by Mrs. Fred Matson and Mrs. W. O. Williams.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OLYMPIC PATRONS

Good news for Olympic theatre patrons. A package containing 50 pieces of choice Christmas novelties from the Wilson Chemical Co., Tyrone, Pa.—for every 10c admission will be given on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22 and 23. The same package will be given Tuesday only with 20c admission for "Les Miserables." We want this to be understood clearly by our patrons that the value of this package is 10c and sells everywhere at 10c.

A White Christmas

Will be possible if you get the assistance of the Monessen Steam Laundry. With their expert workmanship and carefully managed plant and improved machinery, we can handle anything that is possible to clean or launder, especially Silks, Plush Coats, Velvets, Curtains, Portiers or anything that is possible to handle with human hands.

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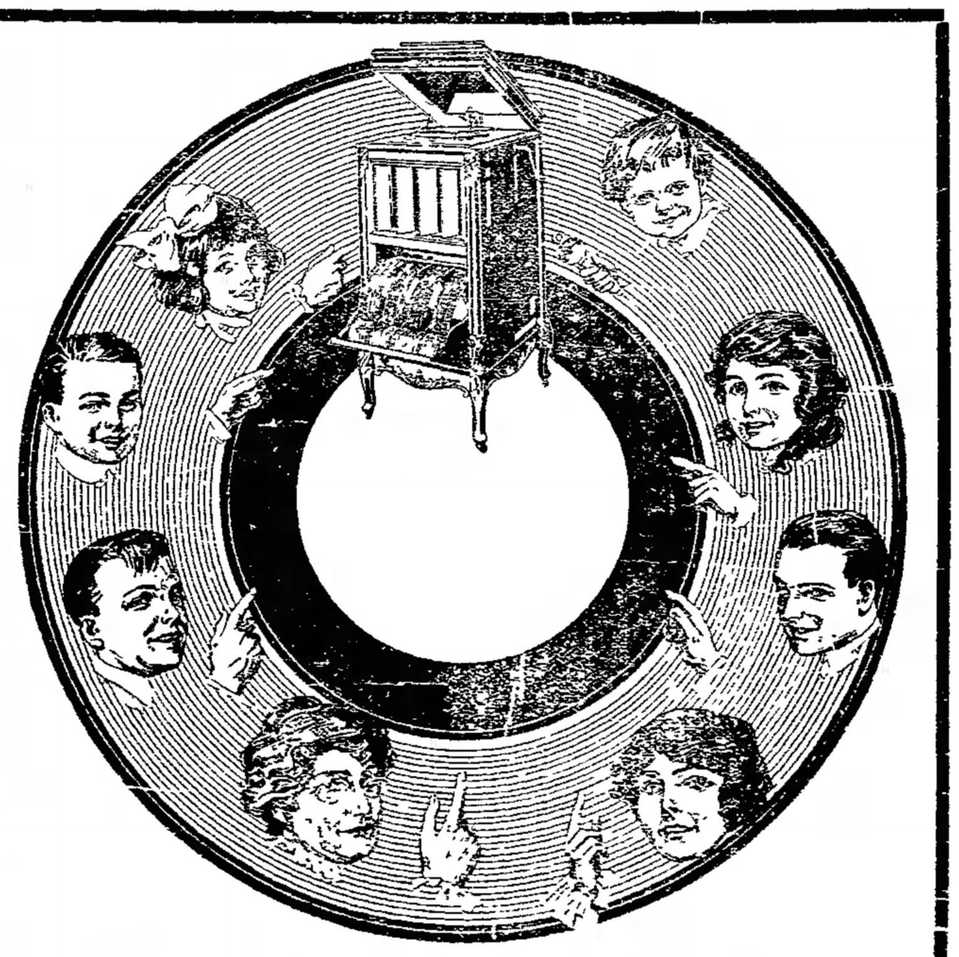

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